

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Maryville on being designated a Tennessee Main Street Community.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in honoring those Tennessee communities that recognize the importance of keeping an eye on the past as they forge ahead; and

WHEREAS, one such community is Maryville, which recently achieved Tennessee Main Street accreditation, joining thirty-three other Tennessee Main Street Communities that are accredited through the State program and the National Main Street Center, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Tennessee Main Street Program is to help communities create a more vibrant downtown, one that is a better place to live, work, play, and come together; and

WHEREAS, in order for a community to become successfully accredited, the Tennessee Main Street Program requires evidence of a commitment from local government and other local organizations, an adequate organizational budget, a strong historic preservation ethic, a collection of historic commercial buildings, and a walkable district; and

WHEREAS, upon accreditation, a Tennessee Main Street Community is provided with training, support, and grant opportunities to assist in downtown revitalization efforts, including façade refurbishments and entrepreneurial funding; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, accredited Tennessee Main Street Communities generated more than \$71.4 million of public/private investment and created 737 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Maryville's accreditation as a Tennessee Main Street Community is the culmination of an initiative that began in 2007 to revitalize the historic heart of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, under the auspices of the Tennessee Main Street Program, Maryville's downtown revitalization efforts are certain to succeed, and it is fitting that the city be recognized for taking this step toward growing its downtown district; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Maryville on its designation as a Tennessee Main Street Community, wishing the city much prosperity and success during the downtown revitalization efforts and in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.